Lalitpur-Khajuraho railway line

†274. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to make special provision for completing Lalitpur-Khajuraho railway line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The work of new line from Lalitpur to Satna, Rewa-Singrauli and Mahoba-Khajuraho (541 km) is being, progressed as per the availability of resources and sufficient funds are allocated to ensure speedy progress. Mahoba-Khajuraho has already been commissioned. During 2009-10, an outlay of Rs. 58.26 crore has been allocated for this project.

Extension of railway line in J and K

275. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been undertaken to extend railway line in Rajouri-Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) whether other areas like Doda and Kupwara would also be included in the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Survey for Jammu-Poonch new line was conducted in 2008-09.

(b) Surveys had been done earlier for rail connectivity to Doda and Kupwara. However, the proposals have not yet been sanctioned.

Abduction of Bhubneshwar-New Delhi Rajdhani

276. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of security personnel, who were on duty in the Delhi bound Bhubaneshwar-New Delhi Rajdhani which was abducted on 28 October, 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): About 3580 trains are escorted daily by Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Government Railway Police (GRP). This particular train was to be escorted by Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel of the concerned State Government. 5 Police personnel of GRP Orissa had escorted the train up to Kharagpur.

Introduction of New Trains

277. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trains introduced during the period April, 2009 to October, 2009; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) the number of coaches attached with each train introduced during aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Harnessing of renewable energy sources

278. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action plan prepared by her Ministry for harnessing of renewable energy sources and management of energy security and the achievements made on these fronts till date;

(b) the details regarding the 10.56 MW wind energy plant set up by Railways in Chennai, indicating the total cost incurred thereon and it's output;

(c) the total area of Railway land brought under Jatropha plantation during the current year to effect saving of diesel; and

(d) whether any renewable energy source plant is likely to be set up in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Policy guidelines exist for harnessing renewable energy sources for electrification of manned level crossing gates and stations, water heating purpose in running rooms, training institutes and rest houses on case to case basis.

Indian Railways have provided solar based water heating systems of different capacities for some of training institutes, running rooms and rest houses and have completed electrification of more than 1200 manned level crossings with solar based lighting system and commissioned 10.5 MW wind mill for Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Perambur, Chennai installed in Kasturirangapuram and Urumangalam village, Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu.

(b) The salient features of Wind energy plant are as under:

(i)	Date of commissioning of plant capacity 10.5 MW	30.3.2009
(ii)	Capacity of plant	10.5 MW
(iii)	Cost of Plant	Rs. 66.05 crore
(iv)	Total energy generated by the plant	16.3 Million Units (Approx. till 10.11.09).
(v)	Total savings achieved	Rs. 5 crore (Approx. till 10.11.09).

(c) 29.12 lakh Jatropha saplings have been planted during the current year so far.

(d) At present, no major installations in Andhra Pradesh have been planned for provision of renewable energy.